From the Principal …

FATHERS NIGHT
Peter Dickinson arranged a fabulous Fathers night last week that saw a very busy group of children, dads and significant males building and painting cars and boxes. Building 6 was echoing with hammering! Many thanks to Bunnings who are the major sponsors of this project. We are hoping this continues into 2016 as Dr Bruce Robinson’s book ‘Fathering from the fast lane’ and website ‘thefatheringproject.org’ explains - a reduction of 50% – 90% in risky behaviours can be achieved when a father or father figure is involved in a child’s life.

ICAS visit to Flinders Uni
(International Competitions and Assessments for Schools – ICAS)
Can you imagine being able to put a spanner in a printer and have it print a new spanner in 3D? Well that’s exactly what the Maths ICAS students saw last Wednesday at Flinders Uni. The Industrial Designer, Sandy Walters explained how he designs and trials new products using a 3D printer. We heard about the process he uses and saw the prototypes for a new nursing home call button that Sandy designed and made. We all wanted a 3D printer!

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
Parents/carers now have the option to contact the school on 0418809115 and leave a voice or text message if their child is absent or late. Please include your name, your child’s name, class and the reason for absence. A note in your child’s diary or communication book when they return to school is also required.

CANTEEN NEWS
When students only remember lunch orders at 12:40, it is not possible to provide a range of items. For this reason students with late lunch orders can only be provided with a sandwich of their choice.

CONTACTING STUDENTS
If it is necessary to get a message to your child before hometime, we ask that you contact us before lunch dismissal time at 12:50pm. Students/Classes are sometimes difficult to locate after lunch as many students are involved in other activities.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
Please note that NO medication at all (including Panadol) can be administered at school by school staff without a Medication Form signed by a doctor. Medication must be submitted in original chemist packet. Forms are available from our office.

Look for our webpage http://www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au/ and like us on Facebook! ICAS Maths students who received their certificates.
CODING - how to use the computer to tell a robot what to do. Robots have come a long way in the last 50 years. Now they can make decisions if the programmer has set the coding to identify when and what choices to make. At Flinders we worked with robots and programmed them to make choices instead of running into the wall. Some people already had some idea of this after working with Mr Giannone.

CHRISTMAS JOY HAMPERS

Once again, Salvation Army will be providing Christmas Hampers and Toys to needy families in our community. Last year we were able to assist 160 families and individuals from the Murray Bridge and surrounding Murraylands have a better Christmas.

Each year many new families request our assistance and we aim to assist all, however, with increasing demand this means resources are stretched.

We ask for your help in donating non-perishable items suitable for inclusion in these hampers for the holiday season. Not only food for the Christmas meal (such as tins of ham/chicken, long life custard, puddings, bon bons, canned vegetables or fruit) but also everyday food (such as cereals, long life milk, sugar, cake mixes, tuna, spaghetti/baked beans, long life juices etc)

Each and every donation we receive means a little more to go around, and often, a little can go a long way! We would need these goods before Mon 7th Dec to arrange distribution and we are happy to pick up any donations.

Please contact the Salvos at 3 Fourth St, Murray Bridge SA 5253 (08) 8531 1133

December/January Vacation Care Dates

- M-F 14th—1st Dec 2015
- M-W 21st—23rd Dec 2015
- M-F 11th—15th Jan 2016
- M-F 19th—22nd Jan 2016
- Mon 25th Jan 2016
- W-F 27th—29th Jan 2016

School Commences: Monday 1st February 2016

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**7** Year 2 Graduation
(Families have received invitations & information)
5 pm: Sausage sizzle
5:45pm: performances followed by Graduation
All Yr 2s are involved in performances.

**8** Volunteer morning tea
10:40

**9** Picnic at pool
Yrs 3-7

**10** Casual Day Christmas theme
dress-up or casual clothes for those who don't celebrate Christmas

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional owners of this land on which we meet and work. We respect and acknowledge their spiritual connection as the custodians of this land and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still important to the living people today.